

the score or so of lama temples we visited and inspected in the course of this car-journey we might perhaps have been able to buy one or another fairly cheaply; but those that might have come into the question had been so worn by the tooth of time that they could scarcely have survived transport to a foreign country.

In concert with MONTELL, I resolved that the next tour should be to Jehol, that especially under the great Manchu emperors enjoyed the highest renown, and where wonderful temples, now largely in a state of decay, were erected as memorials to historical events. On November 24th and 25th my companions left for Peking and Tientsin to procure passports and make preparations for this journey, which was also to be undertaken by car.

I myself stayed in Kalgan, where I spent a month in LARSON's house. Considered as a rest, this month was perhaps not all that it might have been. I worked at a popular travel-book, took lessons in Chinese and had a very extensive correspondence to attend to, for the members of the expedition were now more widely scattered than ever. However, I was glad to be able to avoid wasting my time at more or less unnecessary dinner-parties.

MÜHLENWEG's ARRIVAL

On the evening of November 27th MÜHLENWEG, who had taken part in the expedition during 1927—28, made his appearance in Kalgan. He had come via Peking, being commissioned by Lufthansa to ascertain the whereabouts of ZIMMERMANN, who had been left behind at the meteorological station on the Edsen-gol. ZIMMERMANN had been ordered to return home some months previously, but nothing had so far been heard of him. The very next day MÜHLENWEG continued to Kuei-hua, to proceed thence by car to Beli-miao, where he intended to follow in the tracks of the Gobi-group until he found ZIMMERMANN. He took TSERAT with him as a servant.

ZIMMERMANN's RETURN

By December 7th, however, both MÜHLENWEG and ZIMMERMANN were already back in Kalgan. They had met not far from Kuei-hua. The twenty-five months that Major ZIMMERMANN had spent on the Edsen-gol in our service had not noticeably affected him. With his forty-nine years on his shoulders he was as fit and elastic as any youth. His experiences at the Edsen-gol meteorological station are described in chapter XI.